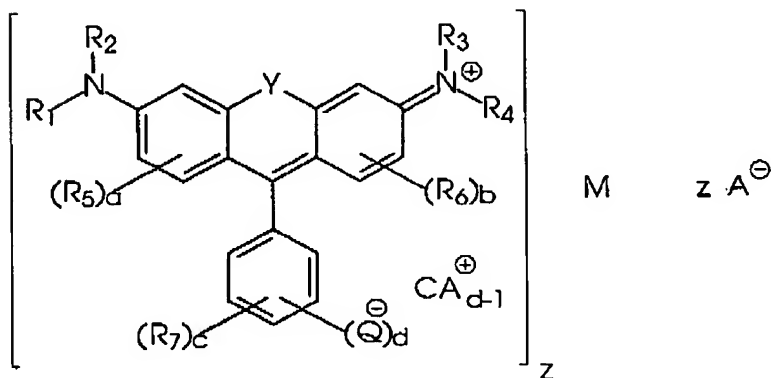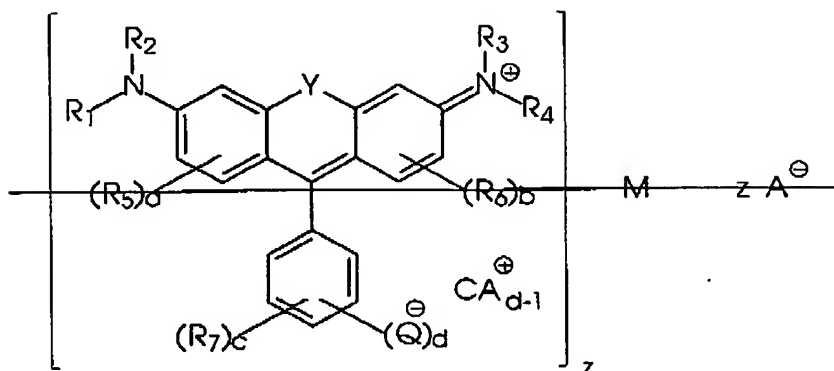Application No. 10/607,373

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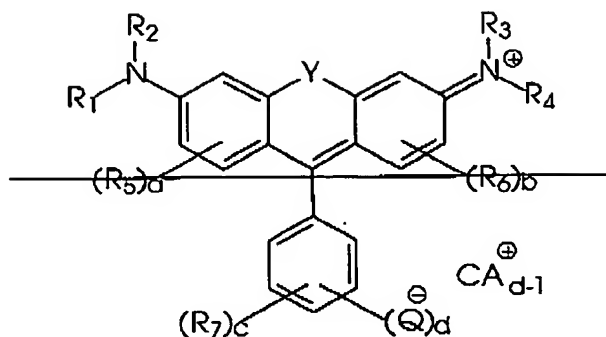
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Compounds of the formula

wherein M is either (1) a metal ion having a positive charge of ~~+y~~ $\pm p$ wherein ~~y~~ p is an integer which is at least 2, said metal ion being capable of forming a compound with at least two

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chromogen moieties, or (2) a metal-containing moiety capable of forming a compound with at least two chromogen moieties, z is an integer representing the number of chromogen moieties associated with the metal and is at least 2, and R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, a, b, c, d, Y, Q, A, and CA are as defined herein.

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